

**Joseph Davenport to George Washington, December 23, 1771, with Overseer's Inventory, Letters to Washington and Accompanying Papers. Published by the Society of the Colonial Dames of America. Edited by Stanislaus Murray Hamilton.**

**FROM MR. JOSEPH DAVENPORT.**

SR.

in Compliance to your General Letter I have Sent you an Exact List of the Negroes Stock of Cattle &c on this plantation but as you may not think that I did not pay the Regard due to your Letter to me before on that Subject; I assure you that this is the third List I have made out and Sent to you As to the Duty of an Overseer I Shall as Strictly Adhere to as if there was a Chief. but there is 26 Hogs to Spare from the place wch. Mr Robt. Ruffin informs me that he had engaged of of Mr Valentine be fore his death, they are not Extrordinary fat but have got to Eating dirt at Such a rate they do not mend but Seems to be Eating Corn in waste—now as you have Wrote and did not mention what Should be done with the pork I am doubtful whether I ought to deliver it or no however if I do not hear from you in ten days I shall Venture to deliver it to Mr Ruffin or they will destroy More Corn then the pork will be worth—

I'm Sr. yr. Very, Humble Sert. JOS DAVENPORT

FROM JOSEPH DAVENPORT.

CLAIBORNES Decr. 23d. 1771

A LIST OF COLO. GEORGE WASHINGTONS NEGROES, CATTLE &c—

Black Cattle Hogs Negroes No Sex years old 28 up fattening Names Age Size Names Age  
Size 16 Oxen 10 Breeding Sows Stephen 55 Sarah 60 Afflited wth Rhenm. 25 Stears 4  
& Upwd 11 Spaid Do 1 year old Pieras 57 Moll 56 21 Do 2 & 3 17 Barrows r Solomon 36  
Rachel 36 Do Do David 36 Patt 38 46 Cows 4 & Upwd 12 Shoats George 21 Craijo 36 12  
Cows 2 & 3 2 Bores Mingo Will 19 Kitt 36 Jack 17 Hanah 22 3 plough Cully 16 Milly 15

4..9 6 Males 1 Horses L<sup>1</sup> Davie 14 5 Jane 13 5— Viz Dobing & L. Will 12 4..8 Name 11 4½  
7 feemales 1 Shirding Joe 11 4..2 Connelia 9 4..4 Which I L. Guy 8 4 Dinah 11 4..1 136  
Total brought down Bob 2½ Sal 8 3..9 when I came to Peter 1½ Arbah 7 3..4 S heep the  
place. Stephen 1 Molly 5 3..3 a small Bay Natt 2 Eve 5 3 27 Old Ewes Horse which Old  
Guy 58 Franky – Dead 6 Lamb s Do was at the 8 old W ethers place when I 2 Lamb s Do  
came to it now 2 Ram s about 12 yearsold 45 total

1 little.